

Healthy Kansas Minute Radio Interview – Safe Kid Week 2008

Joe: This is the Healthy Kansas Minute. I'm Joe Blubaugh, and with me is Jan Stegelman, Coordinator for Safe Kids Kansas. This week is National Safe Kids Week, and I hear that Safe Kids has an extra reason to celebrate.

Jan: Yes, this year marks the 20th anniversary of Safe Kids Worldwide and statistics show that the accidental death rate for children 14 and under is down 45 percent since 1987.

Joe: That's very encouraging news, so does that mean that Safe Kids can say, "Mission accomplished?"

Jan: While the drop in accidental deaths is very encouraging, accidental injury remains the leading killer of Kansas children age 14 and under. That is why we continue to work closely with our partners on the state and federal level and through our local coalitions to protect our children from accidental injury and death by encouraging parents to install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and make sure children are always properly restrained in the back seat of vehicles, just to name a few.

Joe: Thank you, Jan. To learn more about Safe Kids Kansas and how you can protect your children, please visit our Web site at www.kansassafekids.org. This has been the Healthy Kansas Minute!